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## District, partners announce Mill Pond Restoration project moving forward

Col. Thomas Koning, New England District Engineer, joined Massachusetts Congressman Marty Meehan and a host of other participants to mark another step forward in the Mill Pond aquatic ecosystem restoration.

The event, where U.S. Rep. Meehan presented a check for project funding, was held at the Littleton Electric Light and Water Department Administration Building in Littleton, Mass., Dec. 13.

The District is partnering with the town of Littleton and the commonwealth of Massachusetts to restore the ecology and health of Mill Pond. "The current shallowness of the pond and excessive nutrient concentrations contribute to extensive and dense growth of aquatic weeds," said Col. Koning. "An estimated volume of 220,000 cubic yards of soft sediment has accumulated in the pond, reducing the average depth of the pond from 10 feet to 3.6 feet."

The town of Littleton requested a study of Mill Pond and its tributaries to investigate alternatives to restore the 52-acre degraded fresh water pond. The New England District is conducting the study under the Corps' Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program, Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996.

"As we move toward completing a draft feasibility study in early 2004, we're gratified to know that together we are working toward a solution to save a dying pond that will offer significant quality of life improvements for this community," said Col. Koning.

U.S. Rep. Meehan presented a check for \$125,000 to John Folsom, Clean Lakes Committee Chairman, and Paul Glavey of the Littleton Board of Selectmen. "Mill Pond was once heavily fished for pickerel and perch and served as refuge for a wide variety of wildlife," said U.S. Rep. Meehan. "This is another step toward restoring the pond to what it once was."

"The money will be used for the plans and specifications phase of the project, which is planned to start in the latter half of fiscal year 2004," said

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Col. Thomas Koning (left) stands with Adam Burnett, Deborah Bray, Congressman Marty Meehan, State Representative Geoff Hall, Littleton Selectmen Paul Glavey, and Jon Folsom, Littleton Clean Lakes Committee Chairman, during the check presentation.

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Sheila Holt Engineering/Planning



### Sympathy

...to the family of Construction retiree **Flavio Leonin**, who passed away Dec. 12, 2003. Mr. Leonin was part of the old EPA Support Branch.

...to **Tim Dugan**, Public Affairs, on the passing of his father, **Thomas J. Dugan**, Dec. 13, 2003.

...to the family of retired secretary **Mary Ellen Shanteler**, who passed away Dec. 14, 2003.

...to the family of retired secretary **Helen Milmore**, who passed away Dec. 19, 2003.

...to the family of retiree Marguerite Conca, who passed away Dec. 22, 2003. Mrs. Conca was a secretary for the Corps in New England for 25 years. Her husband, Louis Conca, is the retired Chief, Office Operations Branch, Operations Division and a Distinguished Civilian Gallery member. ...to Marie Connor, Resource Management, on the passing of her father, Robert J. St. Pierre, Dec. 31, 2003.

... to **Reese Morgan**, Naugatuck River Basin, on the passing of his father, **Burton Louis Morgan**, Jan. 17.

#### **Congratulations**

...to **Bill Gladman**, Real Estate and team member for the Recruiting Team, who has been selected by the WE Committee as the employee of the month for December 2003. Bill is responsible for managing the invoices for all of the recruiting leases, associated military housing, utility and janitorial bills for the six New England States.

... to **Michael Sheehan**, Regulatory, who has been selected by the WE Committee as the employee of the month for January. Mike was nominated for his extraordinary effort in responding to and assisting others within the District. ...to the New England District Water Planning and Response Team -

Hurricane Isabel, Virginia-September 2003 for being selected as the WE Committee team of the month for December 2003. Team members include – Dave Goodrich, Duban Montoya, Sheila Winston-Vincuilla, Mike Tuttle, John Asseng, Bruce Zawacki and Rachel Fisher. Their strong work ethic, outstanding cooperation, and diligent effort enabled them to pull together and become recognized as "experts" in water delivery.

...to the New England District Information Management "Automated Systems Team" for being selected as the WE Committee's team of the month for January. Team members include: Cheryl Kassoy, Jay Provenzano, Lynne Bleakney, Paulo DaSilva, John Mannarino and Pattie Price. The task of keeping the District's network and computers up and running is exceedingly difficult, and the team is to be commended for their exceptional performance.

... to **Nobis Engineering, Inc.** of Concord, N.H., on its selection as the Small Business Administration's Contractor of the Year for 2003. Nobis was nominated by Eva Marie D'Antuono of the Small Business Office for their exceptional work in various capacities for the New England District over the last nine years. See story on page 9.

#### Welcome

Melinda Brown, Con/Ops Angel Fernandez, PPMD David Platt, Con/Ops Christine Zahniser, Con/Ops Julie D'Esposito, R/E Willis Loper, Con/Ops John Wutzer, E/P

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### Commander's Corner:

## Acting Commander wishes Col. Koning well with Iraqi mission

by Lt. Col. Brian A. Green Acting District Engineer



First of all, I would like to thank each of you for the warm welcome back I received after my return from Iraq. It was terrific to be home in time to spend

the holidays with my family. I truly appreciate all your thoughts and prayers for me and for all our folks overseas.

There are a few new faces around the New England District since I left last June, so I would like to say "welcome" to each of you that I have not formally met yet.

As many of you are aware, Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, recently deployed to Iraq to stand up the Southern District of the new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Gulf Regional Division in Basrah, Iraq. Iknow you all join me in wishing Col. Koning good luck over the next six months and praying for his safety.

I know from personal experience that there are tremendous challenges over there, but he is definitely the right person for the job and will make a great contribution to USACE's efforts to help the Iraqi people in rebuilding their country.

I have to tell you that there is a lot of important work being done by USACE and the coalition forces in Iraq. As you can imagine, there are lots of challenges, but we are making steady progress. You may not always hear it on the nightly news, but we are truly setting the conditions for the Iraqi people to succeed in the years to come.

Just as there are many challenges in Iraq, we have our

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- Lt. Col. Brian Green, Acting District Engineer

share of challenges here as well. As the Acting District Engineer for the next six months, I ask each of you for your continued support in meeting and overcoming those challenges.

We have a great workforce, and I know each of you will do your best to continue to provide the best support possible while Col. Koning is deployed. I look forward to the challenge of being your District Engineer, and ask that you all continue to do the great things that each of you does for this District and our nation.

Essayons!

### Mill Pond Restoration project moving forward

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Adam Burnett, study manager.

The total cost of the restoration project is expected to be around \$3 million.

Other speakers at the ceremony included Deborah Bray of the Mill Pond Association.

Prior to the ceremony, Col. Koning and Adam Burnett took a tour of the Mill Pond site.

The major feature of the restoration study is to address ways to remove and dispose of accumulated sediment from the pond to reduce the recycling of phos-

phorous and to increase the depth of the water.

A Preliminary Feasibility Plan determined that a feasibility study of the potential project is warranted, and the Feasibility Study was initiated in April 2002.

Due to a lack of current fish data in the pond and

streams upstream and downstream of the pond, a fish survey was conducted in May 2003 to provide fisheries data for the study.

The Corps is assessing the environmental benefits and costs of several pond-dredging options to determine the most cost-effective and acceptable solution.

A draft detailed project report and environmental assessment are being prepared, with a public release of a draft report planned in 2004.



Col. Koning (left) discusses the restoration project with ceremony attendees.

# Employees wish Col. Koning good luck with temporary assignment

by John Emmert, Public Affairs

The New England District family once again has sent one of its best and brightest out to support the War on Terrorism. The WE Committee and the Executive office hosted a send off reception for Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, in the Concord Park cafeteria, Jan. 16, to wish him a safe journey as he prepared to leave for a six-month tour in Iraq.

The reception also served as a welcome home for Lt. Col. Brian Green, Deputy District Engineer, who recently returned safely from his six-month tour in Iraq serving as Chief of Staff of the

USACE Iraq Provisional Command.

Lt. Col. Green, who will serve as New England District's Acting Commander while Col. Koning is in Iraq, welcomed everyone to the event.

"I just wanted to wish Col. Koning well on behalf of the District," he said, "I know that he is very confident that we are going to keep the fires burning here and that things will keep going."

While in Iraq, Col. Koning will help stand up the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southern District of the Gulf Regional Division. Commanding the Southern District, Col. Koning will oversee all the District's efforts from the northern border of Kuwait to just south of Baghdad.

As Col. Koning bids the New England District employees good-bye, he

expressed his appreciation of the District's support. "The hardest part is going to be leaving my family and you for six months," he said, "That's going to be the challenge."



Chis Hatfield (left) wishes Col. and Mrs. Koning good luck.

The District Engineer also said that he was excited to help the Iraqi people and is looking forward to the challenges there.

The Southern District will support the Iraqi provisional government by helping restore Iraq's infrastructure. There is a vast reconstruction effort underway in Iraq, and the Corps will help restore oil, water, power, and roads as well as assist USAID with school construction. The Corps is also dedicated to putting the Iraqi workforce back in place by hiring Iraqi engineers

to work on the reconstruction projects.

As much as the event was for everyone to wish him well on his assignments overseas, Col. Koning reminded people that the reception was also a welcome back for Lt. Col. Green.

The soon-to-be Acting District Engineer wore a new uniform that will be worn by all Corps of Engineers military personnel.

Lt. Col. Green explained that all military members attached to the Corps of Engineers are re-

quired to wear the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) by order of Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, Chief of Engineers, in support of the War on Terrorism.

Lt. Col. Green noted that on the BDU there was an American flag patch, put on seemingly backwards to give the effect that the flag is flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward.



District employees line up to speak to Col. Koning during his good-bye reception.

# Friends, co-workers remember David Killoy's professionalism, love for life

It's never easy to say good-bye to a friend or family member. It is especially difficult when it is unexpected. Such was the case when David Killoy, Chief, Permits Branch, Regulatory Division, suddenly passed away Jan. 7.

The Lowell, Mass., native was known around the District for the professional manner in which he performed his work. "Dave was a great leader that always brought his

wisdom and experience, common sense and sense of humor to the group," said Lt. Col. Brian Green, Acting District Engineer.

"Dave always supported his staff and went to bat for them," said Christine Godfrey, Chief, Regulatory Division. "He had a dry sense of humor, and one of his favorite expressions about an applicant asking us to permit something outlandish was 'when pigs fly.' In fact, he had several flying pigs in his office. Dave's philosophy was don't sweat the small stuff-but stand up when it's the right thing to do. He was an important force in getting many controversial projects permitted, had excellent problem solving skills, and could bring calm to a heated situation. I will certainly miss him."

"Dave greatly influenced the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Highway Program and how they get projects permitted," said Karen Adams. "Some of the higher profile projects that Dave

worked on were the New Hampshire Circumferential Highway, Interstate 93, and Route 101."

Dave also supervised the permitting of Maine's aquaculture salmon pens and big enforcement cases in Vermont involving agricultural violations, and aquaculture salmon pens. "He was also instrumental in getting the Atlantic Salmon listed as an endangered species," she said.

Unquestionably respected by his supervisors and contemporaries, Dave is also remembered by his employees as an exceptional supervisor. "Throughout the years that Dave was my boss, he never rode the high horse," said Jay Clement of Regulatory's Maine Project Office. "He respected me and all others for our own individual experience, our knowledge, and our expertise. This is the sign of a true leader and manager. I've learned so much professionally from Dave over these years: how to maximize the use of common sense; to encourage independence in your people while guiding, not dictating; and most of all, to support your people above all else."

"I learned so much from him in the 14 years or so that he was my boss," said Marty Lefebvre of Regulatory's Ver-

mont Project Office. "He supported me in choosing the high road on many projects, even though that high road had the biggest bumps in it. He taught all of us to put the job in perspective -- living and enjoying life to the fullest was the important thing."

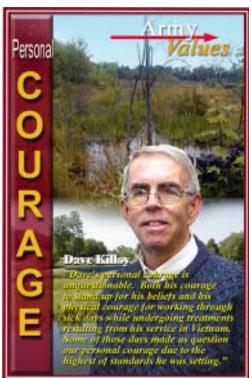
Dave joined the New England Division in 1983 following 10 years as a private consulting engineer involved in the planning, design and construction of port and marina facilities and coastal protection projects in the United States and around the world.

The father of three is remembered by friends and coworkers as someone whose perspective on life was summed up by "Killoy's Stuff to Remember." These include number 17: "If it doesn't cause casualties, it's not important," and number 39: "Obedience may be commanded. Respect must be earned."

"Don't sweat the small stuff, learn something from each experience, and above all, enjoy life because life's short. These were all mantras for Dave," said Jay. "The last was particularly impor-

tant for Dave. Take a couple of hours off some afternoon and catch a movie matinee; quest throughout New England for the perfect clam chowder, Chinese food, hot fudge sundae, or dough boy; paddle your kayak while ostensibly doing a site visit; or enjoy the scenery of a new area while getting to know the territory you work in."

"Dave loved coming to Vermont and to Maine, especially if the weather was good for kayaking," said Marty. "If not, there was always the House Mouse Shop to stop at and buy presents for his family and friends, or Barnes and Noble to browse the bookshelves, or the Parkway Diner to grab



Poster by Mark McInerney

Dave Killoy is featured on the Army Values --Personal Courage poster that is displayed at the New England District.

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## **Alan Williams retirement:**

## Branch Chief trades wintery New England for balmy Alabama

Alan Williams, Chief, Military PM Branch in Project Management, has turned in his Concord Park access card and has headed south for a warmer climate. After 30 years of federal service, Alan joined the Corps of Engineers retirement community during a reception and retirement ceremony held in the Gridley Conference Room, Dec. 22. Over 30 friends and co-workers attended the event to wish Alan and his wife, Tanya Williams of Regulatory Division, the best of luck with their move to Alabama.

Bill Scully, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, served as Master of Ceremonies. Bill told the audience that one of the things that he has admired about Alan was his honesty. "Alan's not afraid to tell you like it is, and I appreciate that," he said.

Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, said that both Alan and Tanya will be missed. "This retirement reception celebrates a tremendous career," he said. "In this case, we're losing two people instead of one."

Other speakers who stood up and praised Alan and the work that he has done were Farrell McMillan, Darrell Deleppo, and Ken Paton.

For his outstanding and consistently



Photos by Mark McIneri

Alan Williams addresses the audience at his retirement reception.

excellent work, Alan received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from Col. Koning. He was officially commended for "positively impacting the District's execution of its military support mission through his experience, insight and commitment to Government service."

The District Engineer also awarded the new retiree with this retirement certificate and pin. On behalf of the attendees, Darrell presented Alan with a Williams-Sonoma gift certificate and a card signed by everyone in the room.

When it was his turn to speak, Alan said that he appreciated everyone's hospitality during his two and one half

years with the New England District. "It's fitting that I end my career in Project Management," he said. "I strongly believe in taking care of customers."

The retirement reception ended with cake, handshakes and hugs for the couple. The registered architect joined the New England District on Aug. 1, 2001, but he is no stranger to the Corps of Engineers. Prior to coming to New England, Alan worked on three separate occasions for the Europe District and two occasions with the Fort Worth District, where he began his career. He also worked in the Mobile District for two years.

In addition to the 26 years he served with the Corps of Engineers, Alan also served four years active duty in the U.S. Navy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated with honors in 1975.

During his career with the Corps of Engineers, Alan has received honors to include a Superior Civilian Service Award and a Commander's Award.

A former member of the NED Golf League, Alan says he plans to continue to play the game while he resides in Alabama. He also plans to buy a boat, renovate his condo on the beach and cook.



Col. Thomas Koning presents Alan Williams with his retirement certificate as Alan's wife, Tanya, looks on.

### Park Ranger turns old bicycles into holiday treasures

By Bill Norman, Cape Cod Canal

Each year, several bikes are abandoned, stolen, or otherwise lost along the Cape Cod Canal service roads. Once turned over to the Park Rangers, the bikes are recorded and stored in a lost and found holding area until the owners pick them up. After 120 days, Park Rangers dispose of the bikes in accordance with regulations. Most of the bikes are in such bad shape they must go to the scrap metal dumpster for recycling. A few make it to the Bourne Police Bike Auction or the landfill's "take it if you want it" section.

This year things were different. Newly hired Park Ranger Willis Loper saw the rusty, broken bikes and asked if he could try fixing them up. Then he looked into donating them to kids in need. His wife, Kay, joined in the project, and together they reconditioned and shined up the bikes to like-new condition.

It took parts from six bikes to make four complete bicycles. By the time Willis and Kay were done with them, you'd never know these were anything other than new bikes.

To be sure the bikes were safe to ride and working properly, Willis asked the local bike shop to check out the gears, derailleurs and brakes. Willis then went to WALMART to see if they would donate helmets to go with the

bikes.

When the WALMART managers said the store had already expended its charity budget for the month, Willis and Park Ranger Samantha Mirabella bought the helmets themselves. Subsequently, other Canal employees chipped in to help with the expense.

Willis and Kay contacted the Department of Social Services to donate the bikes to needy children. The agency did know of a family in crisis due to substance abuse and incarceration of the parents. The bikes were presented to the children of this family in time for the holidays. Not having the correct size bike for one of the children, Willis and Kay bought a new bike to accompany the fixer-uppers so that no one in that family was forgotten.



Photo by Scott Barr, Cape Cod Car

Lost and found bikes reconditioned by Park Ranger Willis Loper, ready for delivery to needy kids.



Photos by Mark McInerney

The New England District is studying the Merrimack River to develop a comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

### Events announce Merrimack River study to go forward

Col. Thomas Koning, New England District Engineer, accompanied Massachusetts Congressman Marty Meehan to two press events for the Merrimack River Watershed Study in Lowell and Haverhill, Mass, Dec. 17, 2003.

U.S. Rep. Meehan announced that the FY 05 federal appropriations bill contained \$400,000 for the Merrimack study. The project is the result of a partnership between local, state, and federal agencies working together for a cleaner New England resource.

The purpose of the study is to develop a comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Merrimack River, and will be conducted in several phases.

"Over the past several decades, significant improvements have been realized in the overall quality of the Merrimack River due to federal, state, local communities, and private investment in water pollution control facilities," said Col. Koning. "However, there are water quality concerns that still require significant investigation and remediation beyond that which individual communities can address."



Col. Thomas Koning discusses the Merrimack River study during one of the press events.

Communities along the Merrimack River in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire are undertaking planning efforts that could result in as much as \$500 million in combined sewer overflow control projects, according to Col. Koning.

Phase I of the study is scheduled to be conducted in 2003-2005, and includes water quality sampling and computer modeling. The focus of the study is the main stem river from the Hookset Dam in New Hampshire to the estuary at Newburyport and Salisbury, Mass. Results of the Phase I study are expected to yield answers to several questions concerning the relative contributions of pollution by type, source, and area; the effects of pollution in the river; how pollution effects uses; and the best future investment plan to improve the water quality of the river and support uses.

The District is conducting the study utilizing Corps' consultant, Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., and their sub consultants including Normandeau Associates, Northern Ecological Associates, AMRO environmental Lab, and Aquatec Biological Sciences. The study methodology and results are being coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protections.

At the press event in Lowell, Mayor Rita Mercier and City Manager John Cox joined U.S. Rep. Meehan and Col. Koning. In Haverhill Mayor James Guerin joined U.S. Rep. Meehan and Col. Koning.

"Both press events went well and resulted in renewed commitment by all to continue the investigations on Merrimack River," said study manager Barbara Blumeris, who accompanied Col. Koning to the events.

The New England District expects to complete a draft report in February 2005.

## **Achieving Excellence:**

### District contractor wins top honors from federal agency

by John Emmert, Public Affairs

New England District Contractor Nobis Engineering, Inc. of Concord, N.H., was selected as the Small Business Administration's (SBA) "Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year" for Region One. Nobis was selected for this honor earlier this year for its outstanding work as an (8)a contractor.

Eva Marie D'Antuono, Deputy for Small Business, nominated Nobis Engineering for the award. "Nobis has become New England District's most respected and successful 8(a) prime

contractor for the last eight years. I know that they will achieve great success in the competitive marketplace after they graduate from the 8(a) England District as a subcontractor to Foster Wheeler Environmental. Since then Nobis has become the District's most respected and successful (8)a prime contractor over the past eight capabilities, resource utilization, cost performance, delivery performance, quality performance, and an overall evaluation.

Established in 1988, Nobis Engi-

neering provides a fullservice civil, environmental and geotechnical engineering and construction management firm.

A certified mi-



Graphic provided by Nobis Engineering, Inc.

program this year because of their professionalism and dedicated staff," she said. "It has been a pleasure to work with them, and I am confident that they will be able to successfully compete and be awarded future New England District contracts."

Nobis Engineering was thrilled to receive the award. "We are honored that one of our most valued clients, the New England District, has nominated Nobis for this prestigious award," said Nannu Nobis of Nobis Engineering. "Our success would not be possible without the active support and encouragement of the District's outstanding team of professionals – from the Small Business Office to Contracting to the many program and technical professionals. Our success is testament to the strong partnership that has developed over the years, a partnership that continues to deliver the best value to the District."

Nobis started working with the New

years. They have been awarded 40 contracts and task orders.

Nobis has worked on projects including the New Bedford Superfund site, the Norwood and Charles George Superfund sites, and currently holds a \$10 million, five year (8)a Remedial Action Contract, which includes the Eastland Woolen Mill Superfund site.

Additionally, Nobis is working with the North Central Resident Office (NCRO) at the Corinna, ME Superfund site and at the Tyngsboro, Mass., Superfund site.

"Every job they've done for us, they've done well," said Jim Morocco, NCRO Resident Engineer, "You couldn't ask anything more from a small disadvantaged business. They are a good example of how to grow a successful company."

The SBA based its selection on the following 10 criteria: management, financial stamina and control, labor relations, customer interface, technical

nority and disadvantaged business, Nobis Engineering has been in the Small Business Administration (8)a program since 1995. The 8(a) program allows government agencies to award prime contracts to disadvantaged firms certified by the SBA.

The program also allows awarding sole source contracts up to \$3 million for services and up to \$5 million for manufacturing.

In order to qualify for the program firms must be a small business, owned by a U.S. citizen, have a net worth below \$250,000, have been in business for at least two years, and 51 percent owned and operated by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals

Nobis Engineering is now eligible for the SBA's "National Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year" award, which will tentatively be announced during the week of May 10, 2004, in Washington, D.C.



Jerry Nunziato (left) and Col. Thomas Koning load up toys donated by the District for the Toys for Tots program.



Madison Rose Leone holds the new friend she got during the District Kiddie Swap.

### District employees end 2003 with holiday celebration

The New England District family celebrated the holiday season with good food, good company and good fun during a celebration, Dec. 19, 2003 in the cafeteria.

About 200 employees, retirees, and family members participated in the event, which featured food catered by Café Luigi in Bedford, Mass. Lunch had an Italian theme, and Italian music playing in the background added to the ambience. Dessert and other refreshments were also included in the price of

Tanya Williams decorates a table.



Hundreds of employees gathered at the holiday celebration.

the lunch ticket.

Over 30 people participated in the New England District Yankee Swap, which took place after lunch. The swap, which has become as much a tradition in the District as it has been in New England, brought many laughs and cheers.

Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, served as the Swap's MC. "I never wanted to be a game show host, but you know..." he said of his stint as Swap referee.



Greg Penta, Sue Mehigan, and Col. Koning check out the Yankee Swap gifts.



Marie Pinede chooses her Yankee Swap gift.

Greg Penta assisted Col. Koning as the official timer. Judy Antonellis, Angie Vanaria, Joanne Barry, Kim Osgerby and Bob Essex served as judges for the best gift given at the Swap. First place went to Ann Turcotte for her wine basket, Crystal Gardner took second place for her portable radio, and Phil Nimenskern nabbed third place for his lap desk set.

A kiddie swap for the younger party attendees immediately followed the Yankee Swap.



Alan Anacheka-Nasemann's lap makes the perfect seat for Andrew Sneeringer to watch the goings on during the holiday party.

Regulatory employees put the finishing touches on the buffet before inviting the District to lunch.

Col. Koning also awarded door prizes to those who signed up for the luncheon. Kevin Kotelly, who was the 50th person to sign up, received a pocket knife. Nick Forbes was participant number 100, and received a Corps of Engineers pen. Mark McInerney received a pocket knife for being the 150th person to sign up for the luncheon, and Alan Anacheka-Nasemann picked up a Corps of Engineers pen for being number 200. All prizes were donated by the WE Committee.

New England District employees also celebrated the holiday season with

an after hours party held at Hanscom Air Force Base on the evening of Dec. 18. Regulatory Division hosted both events. Col. Koning thanked Regulatory and everyone who helped for the job they did throwing both bashes. "We're good party-givers," commented Regulatory employee Susan Mehigan.

Throughout the merriment, the New England District family never forgot those who are less fortunate. This year the District, led by Jerry Nunziato for the WE Committee, collected 180 unwrapped nonviolent toys for the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots Program.



Bill and Sue Holtham's family attended the District holiday party. Project Management retiree Bob Gauvreau (second from right) posed with the Holtham's for a picture.

## Dave Killoy remembered

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Dave Killoy began his career at the Corps in Regulatory, and then left briefly to work for Planning. He returned to Regulatory, and soon after in 1986 he became the chief of the Permits Branch.

During his career with the Corps in New England, Dave received many performance awards for his outstanding work. He was recently selected by the New England District to represent one of the Army's seven values - personal courage. A poster with Dave's picture is displayed in several places in Concord Park. "Dave's personal courage is unquestionable," reads the poster. "Both his courage to stand up for his beliefs and his physical courage for working through sick days while undergoing treatments resulting from his service in Vietnam. Some of those days made us question our personal courage due to the highest of standards he was setting."

Dave held a B.S. in Geology from the University of Massachusetts and an M.S. in Ocean Engineering from the University of Rhode Island. He was a Registered Professional Engineer and a Certified Professional Geologist.

The U.S. Army Vietnam veteran was a Purple Heart recipient. Dave is survived by his wife, Karen, and his children—Kathleen, Devon, Ian, and Ian's wife, Lynne.

Many people will remember Dave in many ways. Marty summed up how she will remember him in one sentence, "He was a great leader, a great boss, and an unforgettable friend."

## Dredging up the past ...



Jan Melowski, Construction, tries the new rowing machine at the Gym Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Waltham Federal Center in this June 11, 1990 photo.

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